Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It has to be left to the discretion of the officers concerned. In the case of dismantled materials such as doors and windows, they generally auction and the auction is confirmed by the Assistant Engineers.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* What I want to know from the Government is whether there is any principle relating to the approximate value of the articles sold in exercising that discretion?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No value has been fixed in this matter.

OFFICERS DRAWING OVER RS. 100 IN THE HARBOUR WORKS

103. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(*a*) the number of persons drawing over Rs. 100 that are now employed in the Harbour Works and Offices;

(*b*) how many of them are employed as temporary hands and how many permanent;

(*c*) how many have been recommended by Sir R. C. Bristow for confirmation, and how many have been confirmed before his retirement;

(*d*) will Government be pleased to give the names of those who have been recommended to be confirmed now by Mr. A. G. Milne, the present Administrative Officer and Harbour Engineer-in-Chief;

(*e*) of these,

(*i*) how many are Cochinites;
(*ii*) how many are Travancoreans;
(*iii*) how many are from Madras;
(*iv*) how many are from the rest of India;
(*v*) how many are Europeans;
(*vi*) how many are Anglo-Indians;
(*vii*) how many are Brahmins; and
(*viii*) how many are Non-Brahmins?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 62.

(*b*) 17 permanent and 45 temporary.

(*c*) & (*d*) The recommendations are confidential and it is not in public interest to reveal their details.

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(e)		Temporary		Permanent
(i)		13	..	1
(ii)		2	..	2
(iii)	Madras Presidency	21	..	3
(iv)		8	..	3
(v)		2	..	7
(vi)		2	..	1
(vii)		17	..	1
(viii)		12	..	1

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the numbers given in sub-division (e) I think there is some discrepancy. Under "permanent" there are 19 appointments and under "temporary" 48. In the answer it was 17 permanent and 45 temporary. Is it that two other persons have been confirmed after this? Or is it that you made more recommendations than the appointments.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Recommendations can be more than the appointments. Sub-division (a) refers only to persons drawing Rs. 100 and above. Sub-division (e) does not confine to that. The information given is correct.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* From Madras Presidency you have got 21. But from Cochin you have got only 13 and one permanent hand. Out of 62 appointments we have got only 13. Not even one-fourth. What is the reason? Is it because of paucity of applicants, or is it because you cannot get your quota?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It involves an excursion into the history of all appointments. I don't think that I can enter into that during question time. The question looks absolutely simple.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the Government Secretary aware that it has been promised that we have equal voice in all harbour matters?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I did not quite follow the question. Equal voice in what?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* That was the sentence used by the Government of Cochin.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Even according to the schedule of agreement appointments up to Rs. 300 are left to the Administrative Officer.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government have taken the trouble of getting equal voice as equal partners in all matters?

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Are there not many Cochinites in Madras Presidency?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* If any discrimination is made against any Madras Presidency subjects, will not discrimination be made against Cochinites in the Madras Presidency?

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Discrimination is already made there against Cochinites even in regard to admission to the Colleges.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether all these people are born Cochinites.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* All that I can say is they are Cochinites.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I think most of them might have purchased property in Cochin and become Cochinites.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. What of that?

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* The answer to questions (*c*) and (*d*) is: "The recommendations are confidential and it is not in public interest to reveal their details". Is it confidential from the point of view of the Government or is it confidential from the point of view of the Harbour Authorities?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Both from the standpoint of the Government and the Harbour authorities. When recommendations are made by officers to other officers they are invariably treated as confidential. It is only the result that is published.

HARBOUR OFFICES—SPECIAL HOLIDAYS FOR STATE—OBSERVANCE OF

104. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether holidays were given for the staff of the Harbour Office as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Maharaja of blessed memory;

(*b*) whether the birthdays of our Rulers are observed as holidays in the offices of the Harbour Department in the Willingdon Island;

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